

counties, upon such terms and conditions as may appear to them to be to the best interest of their counties." The emergency clause declares that it ought to pass because of "the importance of a law authorizing some officer or agent of a county to receive in satisfaction of a debt or claim due the county something other than the full amount in money, as suggested by the Supreme Court."

From this declaration and the other provisions of the bill it is clear that its object is to empower the commissioners court to compromise debts due counties, which of course, would authorize them to release and extinguish portions of such debt. Without reference to the policy of clothing these courts with such powers, it is sufficient objection to the bill that the Legislature is without authority to enact it. So much of section 55, article 3, of the Constitution as has application to the question provides that "the Legislature shall have no power * * * to authorize the releasing or extinguishing, in whole or in part, the indebtedness, liability or obligation of any incorporation or individual * * * to any county" in this State. It seems that the attention of the Supreme Court in the case referred to in the bill was not called to this provision of the Constitution.

G. A. CULBERSON.

PENDING BUSINESS.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Senate joint resolution No. 6, "A resolution to amend section 1, of article VI, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to require the payment of all poll taxes as a prerequisite to voting; and to provide for submitting the same to a vote of the qualified voters of the State."

Action being on final passage.

Pending action,

Senator Darwin moved to adjourn to 10 a. m. to-morrow.

Senator Colquitt moved that the Senate adjourn to 3 p. m. to-day.

The Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. to-morrow.

NINETY-FOURTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Tex., Wednesday, May 12.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Morriss.
Bailey.	Neal.
Beall.	Presler.
Burns.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Ross.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Goss.	Stone.
Gough.	Terrell.
Greer.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Woods.
Linn of Victoria.	Yantis.
Linn of Wharton.	Yett.

Absent.

Bowser.

Dibrell.

Excused.

Boren.

Prayer by Rev. R. M. Hall of San Antonio, as follows:

O God, our everlasting Father, the earth is Thine and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein. We would acknowledge this morning our complete dependence upon Thee. We are the creatures of Thy hand, and most earnestly we do thank Thee for the many blessings that have been poured out upon us; and most adored God, we pray that Thou wilt be with us this morning; still support and bring us safely through the trials and dangers of life. Ever let Thy mercy be with this Senate. Guide all the deliberations of Thy servants that the enactments here may be for the good of the State and honoring to Thee. We thank Thee for all the blessings of life, food and clothes, health and protection. Guide, guard and protect us, and when we lay down the burdens of life, bring us to the home of the good. We ask in the name of Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday.

On motion of Senator Terrell, the same was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Greer,

Senator Tillett was excused for non-attendance on Friday and Saturday of last week and Monday and Tuesday of this week, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Wayland,

Senator Greer was excused for non-attendance on yesterday, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Woods,

Senator Bowser was excused for

this week, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Woods,

Senator Yantis was excused for non-attendance for Monday and Tuesday of this week, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Stafford,

Senator Neal was excused for non-attendance on Saturday last, Monday and Tuesday of this week, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Yett,

Senator Atlee was excused for non-attendance on Monday of this week, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Atlee,

Senator Dibrell was excused for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Atlee,

Senator Yett was excused for non-attendance on Saturday last, Monday and Tuesday of this week, on account of important business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 34, to amend section 51, of article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to authorize the granting of aid to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers and sailors and their widows, and to grant aid to the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 696, a bill to be entitled "An act to prohibit the taking of fish from the waters of this State otherwise than by means of the ordinary hook and line and trout line, and to prohibit the sale or shipping of game fish in this State, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the

same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following amendments:

Amend caption, line 6, printed bill, by making said line read as follows: "An act to prohibit the taking of fish from the fresh water lakes and streams of this State otherwise."

Amend line 25, section 2, by inserting after the words "from the operation," the words "section 2."

Amend by inserting in section 2 and among exempted counties the following, "Calhoun, Robertson and Victoria."

STAFFORD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 357, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 840, of the Penal Code, relating to hunting and fishing in the enclosures of another without permission."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 11, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 331, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4550 of chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, relating to railroads,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

Call concluded.

The Chair announced the following free conference committee on part of the Senate to consider the differences of the two houses on House bill No. 539 (deficiency appropriation bill): Senators Stone, Yett, Ross, Rogers and Darwin.

Senator Stone sent up the following:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 11, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate, and Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

We, your free conference committee, to whom was referred

Substitute House bill No. 203, a bill to be entitled "An act making an appropriation for the support of the State government for the years beginning March 1, 1897, and ending February 28, 1899, and for other purposes,"

Together with the Senate amendments to said bill, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report back the following free conference committee bill in lieu of the said House bill and Senate amendments, the said Senate amendments being Senate bill No. 41, and recommend that the free conference committee bill be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

STONE,
TURNER,
MORRIS,
COLQUITT,
GOSS,

Committee on part of the Senate.

GARRISON,
WILCOX,
O'CONNOR.
TURNER,

MOORE of Lamar,

Committee on part of the House.

Free conference committee substitute for substitute House bill No. 203, a bill to be entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the State government, for the years beginning March 1, 1897, and ending February 28, 1899, and for other purposes."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That the following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the State government, for the years beginning March 1, 1897, and ending February 28, 1899, and for other purposes.

Executive Office.

Salary of Governor	\$4,000	\$4,000
Salary of private secretary	1,800	1,800
Salary of stenographic clerk, who shall also act as secretary of Penitentiary Board	1,200	1,200
Salary of porter	360	360
Salary of State revenue agent	1,800	1,800
Traveling and other necessary expenses of State revenue agent ..	300	300
Payment of rewards and		

other expenses necessary in the enforcement of the law	10,000	10,000
Books and stationery ...	300	300
Freight, postage and telegraphing ..	500	500
Ice ..	36	36
Office furniture	100	100
Contingent expenses, including new typewriter	200	100
Salaries of Board of Pardons ..	2,400	2,400

Mansion and Grounds.

For Governor's Mansion and furniture, including repairs to mansion and improvements to grounds surrounding mansion, and contingent expenses, to be expended in two years .. 3,000

Provided, that \$2000 of the above appropriation, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be used for grading and terracing, and otherwise improving grounds surrounding mansion.

Gardener and labor, and keeping up the grounds surrounding mansion	500	500
Water and ice	200	200
For housekeeper for mansion ..	300	300
Fuel and lights	450	450
Contingent expenses ...	200	200

Department of State.

For salary of Secretary of State	2,000	2,000
Salary of chief clerk....	1,600	1,600
Salary of two assistant clerks ..	2,400	2,400
Salary of one assistant clerk ..	1,000	1,000
Salary of one stenographic and general clerk ..	900	900
Salary of porter	360	360
Salary of extra clerk to copy laws	250	
Freight, postage and express ..	1,250	1,250
Books and stationery ...	400	400
Furniture and files	50	50
Contingent expenses ...	100	100

Comptroller's Office.

Salary of Comptroller..	2,500	2,500
Salary of chief clerk ...	1,800	1,800
Salary of stenographic clerk, who shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Comptroller	1,000	1,000

Salary of chief bookkeeper	1,600	1,600	Salaries of five assistant bookkeepers in land department, two at \$1200 each, and three at \$1000 each	5,400	5,400
Salary of assistant bookkeeper	1,400	1,400	Salary of collector, general office assistant, messenger and porter ..	600	600
Salaries of two sheriff's clerks, witnesses' and attorneys' accountants ..	2,800	2,800	Books and stationery ..	400	400
Salary of clerk for registering city, county and other bonds	1,080	1,080	Postage	750	750
Salary of receiving clerk ..	1,200	1,200	Contingent expenses ..	100	100
Salary of warrant clerk ..	1,400	1,400	Keeping in repair time locks, combinations and vaults, or so much thereof as may be necessary	150	150
Salary of assistant warrant clerk	1,080	1,080	Salary of night watchman	600	600
Salary of bookkeeper in warrant department ..	1,080	1,080	Office furniture and files ..	150	150
Salaries of two corresponding clerks	2,400	2,400	For refunding to purchasers, assignees or lessees of public domain, public school, university or asylum lands, the money paid by them into the State Treasury, in accordance with any of the laws of this State, and where, in accordance to the certificate of the Commissioner of the General Land Office made under the provisions of said chapter CXI, as amended by act of the Twenty-fourth Legislature in House bill No. 358, it is shown that title can not issue or possession pass, because of conflict, erroneous sales and other causes, patents can not issue, to be paid out of the respective funds to which said payments were credited, said claims to be approved by the Attorney General and the Governor, to be expended within two years, \$10,000.		
Salary of chief tax clerk ..	1,500	1,500			
Salary of assistant tax clerk	1,080	1,080	To pay C. C. Gibbs, trustee, or his order, out of the permanent school fund, the sum of \$74,560, and out of the general fund the sum of \$74,560.		
Salary of redemption clerk	1,400	1,400			
Salary of assistant redemption clerk	1,080	1,080	For the purpose of refunding the amount paid into the Treasury of the State, on or about the 3rd day of January, 1891, for the purchase, under applications made by E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, of 291 sections of land, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 291, both inclusive, in block G, Borden and Scurry counties; 58 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 58, both inclusive, in block M, in Borden and Scurry counties; and 117 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered 1 to 117, both inclusive, in block B, in Scurry county, being the lands recovered by the State by a judgment against the said E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, and C. C. Gibbs, trustees, rendered on the 22nd day of December, 1891, by the district court in and for Mitchell county, Texas, and af-		
Salary of examining clerk	1,400	1,400			
Salary of assistant examining clerk	1,080	1,080	Amount for the purpose of refunding the amount paid into the Treasury of the State, on or about the 3rd day of January, 1891, for the purchase, under applications made by E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, of 291 sections of land, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 291, both inclusive, in block G, Borden and Scurry counties; 58 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 58, both inclusive, in block M, in Borden and Scurry counties; and 117 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered 1 to 117, both inclusive, in block B, in Scurry county, being the lands recovered by the State by a judgment against the said E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, and C. C. Gibbs, trustees, rendered on the 22nd day of December, 1891, by the district court in and for Mitchell county, Texas, and af-		
Salary of auditing clerk ..	1,300	1,300			
Salary of assistant auditing clerk	1,080	1,080	Amount for the purpose of refunding the amount paid into the Treasury of the State, on or about the 3rd day of January, 1891, for the purchase, under applications made by E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, of 291 sections of land, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 291, both inclusive, in block G, Borden and Scurry counties; 58 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 58, both inclusive, in block M, in Borden and Scurry counties; and 117 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered 1 to 117, both inclusive, in block B, in Scurry county, being the lands recovered by the State by a judgment against the said E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, and C. C. Gibbs, trustees, rendered on the 22nd day of December, 1891, by the district court in and for Mitchell county, Texas, and af-		
Salary of deposit warrant clerk	1,200	1,200			
Salaries of twelve first assistant clerks	12,000	12,000	Amount for the purpose of refunding the amount paid into the Treasury of the State, on or about the 3rd day of January, 1891, for the purchase, under applications made by E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, of 291 sections of land, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 291, both inclusive, in block G, Borden and Scurry counties; 58 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 58, both inclusive, in block M, in Borden and Scurry counties; and 117 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered 1 to 117, both inclusive, in block B, in Scurry county, being the lands recovered by the State by a judgment against the said E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, and C. C. Gibbs, trustees, rendered on the 22nd day of December, 1891, by the district court in and for Mitchell county, Texas, and af-		
Salaries of nine second assistant clerks	8,100	8,100			
Salary of messenger	360	360	Amount for the purpose of refunding the amount paid into the Treasury of the State, on or about the 3rd day of January, 1891, for the purchase, under applications made by E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, of 291 sections of land, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 291, both inclusive, in block G, Borden and Scurry counties; 58 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 58, both inclusive, in block M, in Borden and Scurry counties; and 117 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered 1 to 117, both inclusive, in block B, in Scurry county, being the lands recovered by the State by a judgment against the said E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, and C. C. Gibbs, trustees, rendered on the 22nd day of December, 1891, by the district court in and for Mitchell county, Texas, and af-		
Salary of porter	420	420			
Salary of night watchman	540	540	Amount for the purpose of refunding the amount paid into the Treasury of the State, on or about the 3rd day of January, 1891, for the purchase, under applications made by E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, of 291 sections of land, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 291, both inclusive, in block G, Borden and Scurry counties; 58 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 58, both inclusive, in block M, in Borden and Scurry counties; and 117 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered 1 to 117, both inclusive, in block B, in Scurry county, being the lands recovered by the State by a judgment against the said E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, and C. C. Gibbs, trustees, rendered on the 22nd day of December, 1891, by the district court in and for Mitchell county, Texas, and af-		
Postage, telegraphing, express, office furniture and contingent expenses, the latter not to exceed \$200	3,500	3,500			
Books and stationery ..	1,500	1,500	Amount for the purpose of refunding the amount paid into the Treasury of the State, on or about the 3rd day of January, 1891, for the purchase, under applications made by E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, of 291 sections of land, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 291, both inclusive, in block G, Borden and Scurry counties; 58 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 58, both inclusive, in block M, in Borden and Scurry counties; and 117 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered 1 to 117, both inclusive, in block B, in Scurry county, being the lands recovered by the State by a judgment against the said E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, and C. C. Gibbs, trustees, rendered on the 22nd day of December, 1891, by the district court in and for Mitchell county, Texas, and af-		
Binding assessment rolls and tax collectors' reports	1,000	1,000			
Roller case and shelving ..	1,200	1,200	Amount for the purpose of refunding the amount paid into the Treasury of the State, on or about the 3rd day of January, 1891, for the purchase, under applications made by E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, of 291 sections of land, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 291, both inclusive, in block G, Borden and Scurry counties; 58 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 58, both inclusive, in block M, in Borden and Scurry counties; and 117 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered 1 to 117, both inclusive, in block B, in Scurry county, being the lands recovered by the State by a judgment against the said E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, and C. C. Gibbs, trustees, rendered on the 22nd day of December, 1891, by the district court in and for Mitchell county, Texas, and af-		
Treasury Department.					
Salary of Treasurer	2,500	2,500	Amount for the purpose of refunding the amount paid into the Treasury of the State, on or about the 3rd day of January, 1891, for the purchase, under applications made by E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, of 291 sections of land, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 291, both inclusive, in block G, Borden and Scurry counties; 58 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 58, both inclusive, in block M, in Borden and Scurry counties; and 117 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered 1 to 117, both inclusive, in block B, in Scurry county, being the lands recovered by the State by a judgment against the said E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, and C. C. Gibbs, trustees, rendered on the 22nd day of December, 1891, by the district court in and for Mitchell county, Texas, and af-		
Salary of chief clerk	1,800	1,800			
Salary of bookkeeper	1,500	1,500	Amount for the purpose of refunding the amount paid into the Treasury of the State, on or about the 3rd day of January, 1891, for the purchase, under applications made by E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, of 291 sections of land, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 291, both inclusive, in block G, Borden and Scurry counties; 58 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 58, both inclusive, in block M, in Borden and Scurry counties; and 117 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered 1 to 117, both inclusive, in block B, in Scurry county, being the lands recovered by the State by a judgment against the said E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, and C. C. Gibbs, trustees, rendered on the 22nd day of December, 1891, by the district court in and for Mitchell county, Texas, and af-		
Salary of assistant bookkeeper	1,080	1,080			
Salary of receiving clerk ..	1,500	1,500	Amount for the purpose of refunding the amount paid into the Treasury of the State, on or about the 3rd day of January, 1891, for the purchase, under applications made by E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, of 291 sections of land, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 291, both inclusive, in block G, Borden and Scurry counties; 58 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 58, both inclusive, in block M, in Borden and Scurry counties; and 117 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered 1 to 117, both inclusive, in block B, in Scurry county, being the lands recovered by the State by a judgment against the said E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, and C. C. Gibbs, trustees, rendered on the 22nd day of December, 1891, by the district court in and for Mitchell county, Texas, and af-		
Salary of corresponding clerk	1,200	1,200			
Salaries of two bookkeepers in land department, at \$1400, each ..	2,800	2,800	Amount for the purpose of refunding the amount paid into the Treasury of the State, on or about the 3rd day of January, 1891, for the purchase, under applications made by E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, of 291 sections of land, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 291, both inclusive, in block G, Borden and Scurry counties; 58 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 58, both inclusive, in block M, in Borden and Scurry counties; and 117 sections, of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered 1 to 117, both inclusive, in block B, in Scurry county, being the lands recovered by the State by a judgment against the said E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, and C. C. Gibbs, trustees, rendered on the 22nd day of December, 1891, by the district court in and for Mitchell county, Texas, and af-		
Salary of examining clerk	1,200	1,200			

firmed on appeal, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$149,120.

But the said sums shall not, nor shall any part thereof, be paid until Frederick P. Olcott, the purchaser under decree of foreclosure rendered by the Circuit Court for the United States for the Eastern District of Texas, at Galveston, of lands of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company, shall execute to the State of Texas and deliver to the Comptroller a release in writing unto the state of Texas, of any and all claims by him and those he represents, in any manner, in or to any of the above named sections of land; said release to be approved by the Attorney General, and to inure to the benefit of the State of Texas, and any person claiming any of said lands under said State, and said release to settle forever the claims of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company and Frederick P. Olcott and others interested with him as mortgagees in any of said above described 466 sections of land; and upon the delivery of said release, duly executed and acknowledged by said Olcott, to the Comptroller, the Comptroller shall draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer in favor of said C. C. Gibbs, trustee, for the amount of money hereby appropriated.

To refund to Tracy & Russell taxes erroneously paid to the State upon lands situated in Edwards county, Texas, said claim to be approved by the Comptroller and Attorney General, \$258.49.

General Land Office.

Salary of Commissioner.	2,500	2,500
Salary of chief clerk ...	1,800	1,800
Salary of first assistant chief clerk	1,500	1,500
Salary of receiving clerk	1,500	1,500
Salary of Spanish clerk.	1,500	1,500
Salary of legal examiner	1,800	1,800
Salary of corresponding clerk	1,200	1,200
Salaries of two patent clerks	2,400	2,400
Salaries of two abstract clerks	2,160	2,160
Salaries of two file clerks	2,400	2,400
Salary of one file-room clerk	1,200	1,200
Salaries of two transcript clerks	2,160	2,160
Salary of chief draughtsman	1,600	1,600
Salaries of five compiling draughtsmen	7,000	7,000
Salaries of three assistant compiling draughts-		

men	3,600	3,600
Salary of letter register	1,200	1,200
Salary of index clerk ...	1,080	1,080
Salary of night watchman	600	600
Salary of porter and janitor	420	420
Postage, telegraphing and contingent expenses	1,800	1,800
Stationery, books and fixtures	1,800	1,800
Wood	200	200
Lithographing and miscellaneous	500	500
Water, and repairs to fixtures	300	300
Repairs to building	250	250
To pay for certified copies of judgments obtained in favor of the State against the several railroad companies in the recovery of lands where the certificates were issued in whole or in part for sidings and switches, and in the Bacon and Graves case if necessary; provided, the Attorney General shall approve the cost bill of the clerks for such copies, there is appropriated \$750, or so much thereof as may be necessary	750	

School Land Department

Salary of chief clerk....	1,500	1,500
Salaries of three lease clerks	3,600	3,600
Salaries of two corresponding clerks	2,400	2,400
Salary of one draughtsman	1,200	1,200
Salary of bookkeeper ...	1,400	1,400
Salary of file clerk	1,200	1,200
Salaries of two sales clerks	2,400	2,400

Provided, that the Land Commissioner may discharge any clerk not needed in any particular department and apply the money to pay his salary for the purpose of employing help in any other department where additional help may be required; provided further, that no more shall be paid for such help than is provided for the compensation of clerks in the department to which the extra help may be assigned; and provided further, that if any funds appropriated to this department be unexpended, the same, or so much thereof as may be necessary, may be used for the purchase or re-

pair of typewriting machine. (To be paid out of the available school fund.)

Attorney General's Office.

Salary of Attorney General	2,000	2,000
And the further sum each year, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay such fees as may be prescribed by law	2,000	2,000
Salary of first office assistant	2,500	2,500
Salary of second office assistant	2,000	2,000
Salary of third office assistant	2,000	2,000
Salary of stenographic and corresponding clerk	1,000	1,000
Salary of filing and recording clerk	1,000	1,000
Stationery, postage and telegraphing	500	500
Law books and periodicals	200	200
Cost of depositions and procuring evidence	400	400
Porter and messenger... ..	360	360
Actual traveling expenses incurred by Attorney General, or any of his assistants, in giving attention to the State's business pending elsewhere than in the courts held in the city of Austin, vouchers to be made under official certificates	600	600
Contingent expenses	100	100

Court of Criminal Appeals.

Salaries of three judges..	12,000	12,000
Salary of stenographer..	1,000	1,000
Sheriffs' attendance on the court	200	200
Postage	150	150
Contingent expenses ...	200	200
Fuel and lights	100	100
Law books to be selected by the presiding judge..	150	150
Record books and stationery	400	400
Salary, fees and traveling expenses of Assistant Attorney-General..	3,000	3,000
Salary of porter	360	360
Telegraphing and contingent expenses for Assistant Attorney-General	50	50
Clerks' fees in criminal cases, or so much thereof as may be necessary	3,000	3,000
Salary of clerk	2,500	2,500

Supreme Court.

Salary of stenographer and law clerk	1,200	1,200
Salary of bailiff	150	150
Porter's hire for judges' and consulting room...	360	360
Porter's hire for court room, clerk's office and library	360	360
Record books and stationery	500	500
Postage	150	150
Contingent expenses	200	200
Purchase of books for Supreme Court library, and books for consultation room	1,000	1,000

Department of Education.

Salary of superintendent	2,500	2,500
Salary of chief clerk....	1,600	1,600
Salary of statistical clerk	1,200	1,200
Salary of auditing and index clerk	1,200	1,200
Salary of stenographer..	1,000	1,000
Salary of corresponding and examining clerk..	1,200	1,200
Salary of corresponding and general clerk.....	1,080	1,080
Salary of mailing and blank clerk	900	900
Salary of porter	360	360
Traveling expenses of superintendent, visiting schools and teachers' and trustees' meetings, and when on business relating to school interests	300	300
Postage, stationery, office furniture, files, binding reports and other books and pamphlets	1,500	1,500
Express, freight, telegraphing and incidental expenses (to be paid out of the available school fund)	500	500

Railroad Commission.

Salaries of three commissioners	12,000	12,000
Salary of secretary	1,800	1,800
Salary of one rate clerk.	1,500	1,500
Salary of one general clerk	1,200	1,200
Pay of experts, and other necessary expenses..	12,040	8,040
To pay necessary expenses of commissioners and experts in making investigations and inquiries, to be paid on verified vouchers		

approved by the chairman of the Railroad Commission	1,000	
Sheriffs' and witness fees and mileage	500	500
Transportation of the members of the commission and clerks	250	250
Postage, books, stationery, telegraphing and express charges	750	750
Furniture, fixtures and files	100	100
Contingent expenses	100	100
Salary of porter	360	360

Department of Agriculture, Insurance, Statistics and History.

Salary of commissioner.	2,000	2,000
Salary of chief clerk....	1,790	1,790
Salary of bookkeeper, stenographer and statistical clerk	1,200	1,200
Salary of agricultural clerk	1,200	1,200
Salary of historical clerk	1,200	1,200
Salary of porter	360	360
Subscription to newspapers and magazines, and binding	100	100
Books for State library..	150	150
Collecting historical data	150	150
Contingent expenses and telephone	100	100
Expenses of commissioner in enforcing insurance laws	500	500
Postage, stationery and express	400	400
Bookcases and shelving.	100	100

The University.

For the support and maintenance of the University of Texas, including such repairs and improvements and extension as the board of regents may deem necessary, all the available fund including under this head, the interest from its land notes, the income from its leases, and the fees from its students to be under the control of the Board of Regents, less the appropriation to be made for the Agricultural and Mechanical College; all yearly fees collected from students to be fixed by the Regents and to be not more than \$10 per year for academic department from each student, with such laboratory fees as the regents shall fix, and not more than \$50 per year from each student in the law department

To supplement the available fund in the support and maintenance

of the main University, from the general revenue

45,000 45,000

Medical Department, Galveston.

For support and maintenance out of general revenue .. 38,500 38,500
For repairs out of general revenue, to be expended in two years.. 4,000

In addition to the above revenue, the Board of Regents shall charge each student the matriculation fee of \$50 per year, payable in advance, in medicine and pharmacy; also a fee of \$5 annually, payable in advance, for each laboratory attended, to cover the cost of material used; the proceeds of the above fees shall also be appropriated and supplemented to any of the above named items for the maintenance and support of the said medical branch of the university, and expended in any manner the Board of Regents may deem for the best interest of the medical college.

Court of Civil Appeals—First District.

Salaries of three judges.	10,500	10,500
Salary of bailiff	150	150
Salary of porter	300	300
Postage	75	75
Record books and stationery	200	200
Contingent expenses, including ice, fuel and lights	150	150
Salary of stenographer and typewriter	600	600
Books for library	250	250

Court of Civil Appeals—Second District.

Salaries of three judges.	10,500	10,500
Salary of bailiff	150	150
Salary of porter	300	300
Postage	75	75
Record books and stationery	200	200
Contingent expenses, including ice, fuel and lights	150	150
Salary of stenographer and typewriter	600	600
Books for library	250	250

Court of Civil Appeals—Third District.

Salaries of three judges.	10,500	10,500
Salary of bailiff	150	150
Salary of porter	300	300
Record books and stationery	200	200

Postage	75	75
Contingent expenses, in- cluding ice, fuel and lights	100	100
Salary of stenographer and typewriter	600	600

Court of Civil Appeals—Fourth
District.

Salaries of three judges.	10,500	10,500
Salary of bailiff	150	150
Salary of porter	300	300
Postage	75	75
Record books and sta- tionery	200	200
Contingent expenses, in- cluding ice, fuel and lights	150	150
Salary of stenographer and typewriter	600	600
Books for library	250	250

Court of Civil Appeals—Fifth
District.

Salaries of three judges.	10,500	10,500
Salary of bailiff	150	150
Salary of porter	300	300
Postage	75	75
Record books and sta- tionery	200	200
Contingent expenses .. .	100	100
Salary of stenographer and typewriter	600	600
Books for library	250	250

Judiciary Department.

Salaries of 53 district judges	132,500	132,500
Salaries of 38 district attorneys	19,000	19,000
Salary of criminal district attorney	500	500
Salaries of two crimin- al district judges .. .	5,000	5,000
Fees and costs of sher- iffs, clerks and attor- neys in felony cases.	375,000	375,000

Nor shall the Comptroller approve the account of any sheriff for conveying a convict from the penitentiary to any county for trial on a felony charge, which if convicted would receive a sentence concurrent with the sentence he was already serving; nor shall such attorneys, clerks or sheriffs be entitled to fees and costs in more than one case, where the defendant is convicted in two or more cases, unless the judgment in the second and subsequent convictions shall be that the punishment shall begin when the judgment and sentence in the preceding conviction have ceased to operate; nor shall the district judge approve accounts for such fees and costs.

To pay costs in civil cases when such costs are adjudged against the State, or when such costs can not be recovered from the defendant, in which only such costs as are incurred by the State in such civil cases, shall be paid out of this fund.. 2,500 2,500

Expenses of attached witnesses: provided, that neither the district judge nor the Comptroller shall approve the claim of any person attached as a witness while under indictment for a felony in the same court in which he is attached to testify.. 75,000 75,000

Salary of Supreme Court reporter	3,000	3,000
Salary of Court of Crim- inal Appeals reporter..	3,000	3,000
For compensation for as- sistant Supreme Court reporter or reporters of Courts of Civil Ap- peals	2,500	2,500
Fees of county judges, justices of the peace, sheriffs and constables in examining trials....	10,000	10,000

Pensions.

Pay of veterans under general laws	51,000	51,000
Mrs. S. L. Cole, special pensioner	150	150
P. H. Bell, special pen- sioner	150	150
Mme. Candelari, special pensioner	150	150

Public Debt.

For interest on public debt....	224,420 20	224,420 20
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Miscellaneous.

For relief of liquor deal- ers	10,000	10,000
Refunding to Allison, a State convict	225	
To pay sheriff of Harde- man county, Texas, for boarding J. D. Adams, a prisoner convicted of murder in Greer coun- ty and transferred to the jail of Hardeman county for safe keep- ing, by order of the dis- trict judge, pending ap- peal to the Court of		

Criminal Appeals, Texas, or so much as may be necessary	350		Salary of carpenter	600	600
State Orphan Asylum.			Salary of assistant carpenter and blacksmith	480	480
All of the available fund belonging to the Asylum for the support and maintenance, in addition thereto from the general revenue, the following:			Salaries of two firemen	600	600
Salary of superintendent	1,000	1,000	Salaries of seven night watchmen	2,100	2,100
Salary of matron	600	600	Salary of head laundress	360	360
Salaries of six teachers	2,400	2,400	Salary of assistant head laundress	300	300
Salaries of three cooks	600	600	Salaries of six laundresses	1,440	1,440
Salary of one baker	300	300	Salary of head seamstress	300	300
Salaries of three laundresses	720	720	Salaries of six seamstresses	1,440	1,440
Salaries of two seamstresses	480	480	Salaries of fifty attendants, or as many thereof as be necessary, at not to exceed \$20 per month	12,000	12,000
Salary of one physician	720	720	Salaries of two trained nurses	720	720
Salary of farm labor	600	600	Salaries of three farm hands at \$18 per month	648	648
Salary of trained nurse	360	360	Salary of dairyman	360	360
Salaries of six assistant nurses	1,200	1,200	Salary of plasterer and painter	480	480
Salary of night watchman	360	360	Salary of storekeeper	420	420
Maintenance	15,000	15,000	Salaries of three dining-room girls and chambermaids at not to exceed \$20 per month	720	720
Fuel	500	500	Salary of scavenger	240	240
Postage and stationery	100	100	Groceries, fuel, light and water, including pay of Board of Managers at \$5 per month for attendance upon meetings of the board, and mileage	62,500	62,500
Bedding	600	600	Dry goods and clothing	12,000	12,000
School books, maps, etc.	400	400	Furniture and beds	1,000	1,000
Window curtains, towels and table linen	200	200	General repairs	3,000	3,000
Transportation	150	150	Transportation of patients	1,000	1,000
Telephone	60	60	Medical stores and surgical instruments	2,000	2,000
Table ware, hard ware and crockery	200	200	Literature and amusement	600	600
Electric lights	600	600	Contingent expenses	750	750
Erecting school building	12,000		Cows, horses, mules and hogs	250	
Enlarging dining room	2,500		Hacks, wagons, harness and farm tools	200	
Fire protection	2,000		Trees, seeds and flowers	75	75
Erecting hospital	4,000		Laundry machinery	300	300
State Lunatic Asylum.			Repairing roofs	1,000	500
Salary of superintendent	2,000	2,000	Engineers' and carpenters' tools	150	
Salary of physician	1,500	1,500	For the erection of an associate dining hall, with apartments for employes attached, and for converting basement of main building into wards	37,500	
Salary of first assistant					
Salary of second assistant physician	1,500	1,500			
Salary of bookkeeper and steward	1,000	1,000			
Salary of matron	600	600			
Salary of apothecary	600	600			
Salary of supervisor	480	480			
Salary of supervisoress	480	480			
Salary of outside supervisor	600	600			
Salary of chief engineer	720	720			
Salary of assistant engineer	480	480			
Salary of gardener	300	300			
Salary of chief cook	600	600			
Salary of first assistant cook	300	300			
Salaries of three second assistant cooks	720	720			
Salary of baker	480	480			

Additional appropriations for State Lunatic Asylum to comport with additions provided for the accommodation of more inmates:

For groceries, etc.....	5,000	12,500
Dry goods and clothing..	1,500	3,000
Beds and furniture	1,000	
Salary for assistant supervisor	180	360
Salaries of five attendants	600	1,200
Salary of three laundresses ..	360	720

Southwestern Insane Asylum.

Salary of Superintendent	2,000	2,000
Salary of assistant superintendent ..	1,500	1,500
Salary of bookkeeper and steward	1,000	1,000
Salary of engineer and plumber ..	720	720
Salary of matron and supervisoress ..	600	600
Salary of ward supervisor ..	480	480
Salary of carpenter	480	480
Salary of outside supervisor ..	480	480
Salary of chief cook....	480	480
Salary of baker	480	480
Salary of head laundress	360	360
Salaries of three laundresses ..	720	720
Salary of gardener	300	300
Salary of dairyman	300	300
Salary of first assistant cook ..	300	300
Salary of second assistant cook	240	240
Salary of head seamstress	300	300
Salary of assistant seamstress	240	240
Salaries of two firemen..	720	720
Salaries of two night watchmen ..	600	600
Salaries of two farm hands, at \$18 per mo..	432	432
Salaries of 22 attendants (or as many thereof as may be necessary), at not to exceed \$20 per month ..	5,280	5,280
Groceries, fuel, lights and water, including pay of the Board of Managers at \$5 per mo. for attendance upon meetings of the Board, and mileage	25,000	25,000
Dry goods and clothing..	3,500	3,500
Furniture and bedding..	1,000	1,000
Transportation of patients ..	400	400
Medical stores and sur-		

gical instruments	750	750
General repairs and preservation ..	1,000	1,000
Contingent expenses ...	500	500
Expenses Board of Managers to Austin	15
Literature and amusements ..	400	400
Trees, seeds, farm machinery and tools	200	200
Wagons, hacks and harness ..	200	200
Painting roof and stand-pipe ..	500	500
Cows, horses, mules and hogs ..	200	200
Engineers' and carpenters' tools	100	100
Bridges, culverts and grounds ..	150	150
Anchoring and repairing ward buildings, to be used in two years.....	2,000	
Erecting additional buildings under the supervision of a competent architect, to be appointed by the Governor of Texas, the salary of architect to be paid out of this appropriation.	100,000	
Maintenance of inmates to be received in new buildings		40,000
Purchasing new boiler and piping and necessary repairs for connection and fixtures..	1,500	

North Texas Insane Asylum.

Salary of superintendent	2,000	2,000
Salary of first assistant physician	1,500	1,500
Salary of second assistant physician	1,500	1,500
Salary of bookkeeper and steward	1,000	1,000
Salary of matron	600	600
Salary of apothecary....	600	600
Salary of ward supervisor	480	480
Salary of head farmer and outside supervisor.	480	480
Salary of storekeeper...	480	480
Salary of head engineer and plumber	720	720
Salary of assistant engineer and electrician...	480	480
Salary of supervisoress..	480	480
Salary of head carpenter	600	600
Salary of assistant carpenter	360	360
Salaries of three firemen	900	900
Salary of painter and plasterer	480	480
Salary of gardener.....	360	360

Salary of assistant gardener and florist.....	300	300
Salary of scavenger.....	240	240
Salaries of three farm hands	648	648
Salary of head cook....	600	600
Salary of first assistant cook	300	300
Salary of second assistant and cook	240	240
Salary of third assistant cook	240	240
Salary of baker	480	480
Salary of head laundress	360	360
Salaries of eight laundresses	1,920	1,920
Salary of head seamstress	300	300
Salaries of seven seamstresses	1,680	1,680
Salaries of sixty-three attendants	15,120	15,120
Salaries of four special nurses	1,200	1,200
Salary of outside watchman	360	360
Salaries of five night watchmen	1,800	1,800
Salary of dairyman....	300	300
Salary of one assistant dairyman	240	240
Groceries, fuel, light and water	70,000	70,000
Transportation of patients	750	750
Contingent expenses	1,000	1,000
Dry goods and clothing..	15,000	15,000
Medical stores and surgical instruments	1,500	1,500
Trees, seeds and stock..	250	250
Wagons, hacks and harness	300	300
Carpenter's tools	75	75
Engineer's tools	50	50
Mowers, plows and farm implements	250	250
Furniture and beds....	2,000	2,000
Expenses board to Austin	37 50	
General repairs to be expended in two years...	5,000	
Purchase of mules, horses, cows and swine....	250	250
Painting roof, to be expended in two years..	1,000
Literature and amusement	500	500
Pipes and piping	1,000	1,000
Basement floors	2,000
Bridges, culverts and grounds	300	
Laundry machinery....	300	300
Repairing standpipe....	100
Fencing	100	100
Fire hose department...	500	
New roof on administra-		

tion building	1,000	
Laundry floor	500	
Grated doors	500	
Erection of male hospital	10,000	
Erection of an associated dining hall and employes' room	27,500	

Additional appropriations made for North Texas Insane asylum, to comport with provisions made for additional buildings for the accommodation of more inmates:

Groceries, etc.	5,000	12,500
Dry goods and clothing.	1,500	3,000
Beds and furniture	1,000	
Assistant supervisor ...	180	360
Five attendants	600	1,200
Three laundresses	360	720

Provided, that the interest on all securities held by the Lunatic Asylum Fund is hereby appropriated in part payment of the appropriations of the three lunatic asylums, the remainder of the appropriation to be paid out of the general revenue. All moneys now in, or which may hereafter be paid into the State treasury for the board and treatment of non-indigent patients and from sales of personal property of the three lunatic asylums, shall be paid over to the State Treasurer monthly and credited by him to the general revenue account.

Blind Asylum.

Salary of superintendent	2,000	2,000
Salary of oculist	900	900
Salary of bookkeeper and steward	720	720
Salary of first matron...	440	440
Salary of second matron	440	440
Salaries of the principal teacher and six assistant teachers in literary department, teacher of kindergarten and physical culture, and four teachers in music department	8,520	8,520
Salary of one music reader	540	540
Salary of teacher of sewing, crochet and wool work	400	400
Salary of teacher of trades	360	360
Salary of assistant teacher of trades	315	315
Salary of sick nurse and monitress for large girls	270	270
Salary of sick nurse and monitor for large boys.	270	270
Salary of monitress and		

seamstress for small girls	180	180	Salary for monitress for small girls	360	360
Salary of monitress and seamstress for small boys	180	180	Salary for monitress for small boys	360	360
Salary of night watchman	500	500	Salary of instructor in printing ..	900	900
Salary of engineer and electrician	900	900	Salary of instructor in shoemaking ..	720	720
Salary of hostler and yard man	300	300	Salary of instructor in carpentry ..	720	720
Salaries of four cooks and one baker	900	900	Salary of instructor in tailoring ..	600	600
Salaries of head laundress and three assistants	800	800	Salary of teacher of sewing and dressmaking ..	300	300
Salary of housekeeper for large boys' department	180	180	Salary of engineer	900	900
Salaries of three chambermaids	472	472	Salary of night watchman ..	360	360
Salaries of four dining room girls	630	630	Salary of farmer and gardener ..	300	300
Salaries of five trustees ..	300	300	Salaries of two laborers ..	540	540
Transportation of indigent pupils	1,200	1,200	Salaries of five laundresses ..	900	900
Clothing for indigent pupils ..	900	900	Salary of baker	360	360
Groceries, provisions, printing necessary for school, labor, contingent expenses and miscellaneous ..	16,500	16,500	Salaries of two cooks ..	600	600
Ordinary repairs	750	750	Supplies, provisions, etc.	22,500	22,500
Relaying and casing heating pipes	500		Water and electric lights	1,200	1,200
Removing overhead plastering, and ceiling old building ..	1,000		For furnishing	500	500
Deaf and Dumb Asylum.			Clothing and transportation for indigent pupils	1,000	1,000
Salary of Superintendent	2,000	2,000	Art material and supplies ..	100	100
Salary of principal, educational department ..	1,500	1,500	Repairs on main building ..	4,000	
Salary of first academic teacher	1,000	1,000	Salaries of five trustees ..	300	300
Salaries of two second academic teachers ..	1,800	1,800	Provided, that the interest on all securities held by the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Asylum funds are hereby appropriated in part payment of the above appropriations, the remainder to be paid out of the general revenue.		
Salaries of two teachers	1,200	1,200	House of Correction and Reformatory.		
Salaries of four teachers	2,400	2,400	Salary of Superintendent	1,800	1,800
Salaries of five teachers	2,400	2,400	Salary of farm supervisor ..	500	500
Salary of first oral teacher ..	720	720	Salary of engineer	600	600
Salary of second oral teacher ..	600	600	Salary of assistant engineer	300	300
Salary of third oral teacher	480	480	Salary of bookkeeper and steward ..	900	900
Salaries of two oral teachers ..	800	800	Salaries of two teachers ..	960	960
Salary of art teacher ..	600	600	Salaries of four night guards ..	1,440	1,440
Salary of secretary and steward ..	900	900	Salaries of eight day day guards	2,400	2,400
Salary of first matron ..	480	480	Salary of baker	360	360
Salary of second matron	480	480	Salary of physician ..	400	400
Salary of monitor	480	480	Salaries of three trustees	300	300
			Maintenance	16,000	16,000
			Fuel	1,200	1,200
			Books and slates	100	100
			Medicine	200	200
			Postage and express ..	150	150
			Discharge and transport-		

ation of discharged inmates	800	800
Literature and library for inmates	150	150
Farm implements	200	200
Bathing pool and contingent expenses	500	500

Provided, that the products and labor of said Reformatory are hereby appropriated in part payment of the above appropriation, the remainder to be paid out of the general revenue; provided further, that the superintendent of the Reformatory is hereby required to rent sufficient land to keep all the inmates employed.

Confederate Home.

For maintenance of inmates, including compensation as prescribed by law to the members of the Board of Directors for attending the meetings of the board.	28,000	32,000
Salary of superintendent	1,500	1,500
Salary of quartermaster.	600	600
Salary of surgeon	1,000	1,000
Medicine	400	400
Salary of chief cook....	480	480
Salary of assistant cook.	240	240
Salaries of four waiters, who shall do all work required of them by the superintendent	720	720
Salaries of nurses, who shall do any work required of them by the superintendent and surgeon	1,440	1,440
Salary of one helper....	240	240
Salary of laundress....	240	240
Salary of two assistant laundresses	360	360
Transfer of inmates to their homes	200	200
Salary of night watchman	300	300
For moving stables	100	
For fire hose	335	
Dining room and kitchen for hospital and for necessary furniture therefor	1,500	
Kitchen for main building	900	
Salary of hospital cook.	360	360
Salary of assistant hospital cook	240	240
Salary of matron	300	300
Building and furnishing one cottage, to be used when needed	2,250	

Provided, that the money now to the credit of the available Confederate

Home fund is hereby appropriated in part payment of the above appropriation, the remainder to be paid out of general revenues.

Quarantine Department.

For maintaining quarantine department	33,000	33,000
For moving quarantine station at Sabine Pass.	3,500	
Maintenance of a quarantine guard at Corpus Christi pass, to be under the supervision of the quarantine physician at Harbor Island, said guard to furnish his own boat and supplies, at a salary of \$75 per month; for each year	600	600

Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum for Colored Youths.

Salary of Superintendent	1,500	1,500
Salary of principal teacher	675	675
Salaries of three classroom teachers and one music teacher	1,800	1,800
Salary of shoemaker....	450	450
Salary of seamstress....	300	300
Salary of matron.....	360	360
Salary of oculist	600	600
Salary of night watchman	300	300
Salary of engineer and plumber	500	500
Salary of cook and assistant	500	500
Salary of farmer and gardener	300	300
School apparatus.....	125	125
Transportation of indigent pupils	400	400
Clothing for indigent pupils	450	450
General repairs and erection of new building ..	12,000	
Furniture	200	200
Tools and apparatus for shoe shop	25	25
Stationery and postage..	50	50
Salary of monitor	225	225

For groceries, provisions and miscellaneous, including pay of members of the board, at \$5 per month, for attending meetings of the board, and mileage

Sam Houston Normal Institute.

For support and maintenance	27,500	27,500
For library apparatus, re-		

pairs and improvements 2,000 2,000
(\$14,000 of this appropriation to be paid out of the available school fund.)

State Penitentiaries.

For conveying convicts to the penitentiaries and reformatory 18,000 18,000
Penitentiary library . . . 250 250
Traveling expenses of superintendent 500 500
All the proceeds of convict labor, and in addition thereto for making up deficiencies in monthly expenses and to purchase material to carry on prison industries, which shall be paid out of the treasury on the warrant of the Comptroller, whenever demanded by the financial agent of the State penitentiaries, to be used, if needed, for each year; provided, that this sum shall not be drawn out of the treasury except as needed 40,000 40,000
Purchase of farm lands to work convicts 50,000

Agricultural and Mechanical College.

For the support and maintenance of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, out of the general revenue fund \$19,500, and out of the available university fund each year \$500 . . . 20,000 20,000
Student labor fund 5,000 5,000
For experimental station 2,500 2,500
Building and equipping mess hall 20,000
Repairs on buildings, to be expended in two years 5,000
Building two residences for professors 3,000

In addition to the above the interest on \$209,000 of State bonds held by the Agricultural and Mechanical College fund is hereby further appropriated for the support of this institution; provided, that the board of directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas shall include in their reports the number and salaries of the faculty and employes of the Agricultural and Mechanical College and of

the Prairie View Normal School, and the receipts and expenditures, itemized of each of these institutions, in the same manner as the law requires the board of regents to report the salaries and number of the faculties and employes, and the receipts and expenditures of the University of Texas.

Prairie View State Normal School.

For the maintenance of forty-six students . . . 10,000 10,000
For the maintenance and support of the agricultural and mechanical department 2,500 2,500
For the maintenance and support of the girls' industrial department . . . 350 350
Books and stationery . . . 100
Erection of one barn . . . 1,000
Water supply, wells and tanks 1,500
Repairing and painting houses 250 250

Adjutant-General's Office.

Salary of the Adjutant-General 2,000 2,000
Salary of chief clerk . . . 1,200 1,200
Salary of porter 300 300
Salary of custodian of Camp Mabry 360 360
Stationery, postage and telegraphing 400 400
Incidental expenses . . . 25 25
Handling of ordnance and quarter master stores and clothing, labor in arsenal and repairs of arms 250 250
Inspection of arms and troops 250 250
Protection of the frontier, and suppression of lawlessness and crime . 25,000 25,000
Payment of the Volunteer Guard when called into active service under the law, including transportation of the troops and for all other military expenses . . 5,000 5,000
Book cases for preservation of war records and maps 100

Public Printing.

For the first, second and third classes of printing and binding, and for printing papers for first and second classes of public printing . . . 20,000 20,000
For publishing Supreme Court reports, three volumes 4,000 2,000

For publishing Court of Criminal Appeals reports, three volumes ..	4,000	2,000
For publishing Court of Civil Appeals reports, six volumes	6,000	6,000
For salary of expert printer and secretary for the State Printing Board	1,600	1,600
For publishing constitutional amendments, proposed by the Twenty-fifth Legislature, or so much thereof as may be necessary	17,000	
For printing for educational department as follows, to be paid for out of the available school fund, the distribution to be made made by the Department of Education:		
Printing county superintendents' record books, Treasurers' record books and blank forms	1,200	1,200
Printing scholastic census blanks, teachers' daily registers, trustees' reports and other blank forms for the use of school officers, teachers and trustees	2,000	2,000
Printing school laws, courses of study, examination questions, circulars to school officers and teachers, and other matter for the advancement of education	1,000	500
Live Stock Sanitary Commission.		
For expenses of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission ..	4,000	4,000
Public Buildings and Grounds.		
Salary of Superintendent	1,500	1,500
Salary of bookkeeper ..	600	600
Salary of engineer	1,200	1,200
Salary of assistant engineer, who shall perform all work required of him by the Superintendent ..	720	720
Salaries of four watchmen ..	2,880	2,880
Salaries of two firemen..	1,200	1,200
For traveling and other necessary expenses of Superintendent when away from Austin on official business	500	500
Salaries of four cleaners.	1,440	1,440
Salary of elevator man..	720	720
Labor in capitol grounds and keeping sewer in repair ..	700	700

Keeping cemetery grounds ..	300	300
Headstones for Confederate Veterans buried in the State cemetery.	300	300
Headstones for Texas veterans buried in the State cemetery	100	100
Water, fuel, lights and contingencies ..	10,000	10,000
Oil and waste for engines, dynamos and steam pumps, oil for wainscoating, drawing paper for plans, stationery; oil for lamps..	600	600
Repairs and painting for two years	5,000	
Tools ..	100	100
For the purchase of one painting of Gov. Culbertson, painted by Mrs. Brazelton ..	250	
For the purchase of one painting of Gov. Hogg, painted by Mr. McArdle ..	250	

Sec. 2. It shall be unlawful for the superintendent or head of any of the foregoing departments of the State government or public institutions herein provided for to draw out of the State Treasury all or any part of the money for the maintenance of his respective department or institution and deposit the same in a local bank to his own private account; but said amounts herein before appropriated shall remain in the State treasury and may be drawn or checked out by such heads of departments or superintendents of institutions monthly to pay salaries of employes, or whenever it may be needed to pay for supplies, repairs, improvements or any other thing permitted to be bought or had for the maintenance of the institution.

Sec. 3. The fact that the monthly expenses of the State government are due, and it is important that the same be promptly paid, creates an emergency and public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and the same is hereby suspended, and that this act take effect from and after its passage.

Recapitulation.

Executive office	22,996	22,896
Mansion and grounds ...	4,650	1,650
Department of State ...	10,310	10,060
Comptroller's office	59,080	57,880
Treasury Dept.	181,108 49	21,730
General Land Office	43,220	42,470

School Land Dep'tment.	13,700	13,700
Attorney General's Dept.	14,660	14,660
Court of Criminal Appeals ..	20,610	20,610
Supreme Court	18,220	18,220
Dep'tment of Education.	13,340	13,340
Railroad Commission ..	31,600	26,600
Department of Agriculture, Insurance, Statistics and history.....	9,250	9,250
University of Texas.....	45,000	45,000
Medical Department of the University of Texas at Galveston	42,500	38,500
Court of Civil Appeals—First District	12,225	12,225
Court of Civil Appeals—Second District	12,225	12,225
Court of Civil Appeals—Third District	11,925	11,925
Court of Civil Appeals—Fourth District	12,225	12,225
Court of Civil Appeals—Fifth District	12,175	12,175
Judiciary department..	628,000	628,000
Pensions	51,450	51,450
Public debt	224,420.20	224,420.20
Miscellaneous	10,575	10,000
State Orphan Asylum...	41,650	33,150
State Lunatic Asylum.	166,283	136,823
Southwestern Insane Asylum	155,427	91,912
North Texas Insane Asylum	186,650.50	153,553
Blind Asylum	41,367	39,867
Deaf and Dumb Asylum.	55,360	51,360
House of Correction and Reformatory	29,260	29,260
Confederate Home	41,705	40,620
Quarantine department.	37,100	33,600
Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum for Colored Youths	28,760	16,760
Sam Houston Normal Institute	29,500	29,500
State penitentiaries	58,750	108,750
Agricultural and Mechanical College	55,500	27,500
Prairie View State Normal School	15,700	13,100
Adjutant-General's office.	34,885	34,785
Public printing	56,800	35,300
Live Stock Sanitary Commission	4,000	4,000
Public buildings and grounds	28,360	22,860

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Senator Stone moved the adoption of the above report.

Senator Bailey moved as a substitute that consideration be postponed to to-morrow after call.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—12.

Bailey.	Presler.
Burns.	Ross.
Darwin.	Terrell.
Goss.	Turney.
Gough.	Wayland.
Linn of Wharton	Yantis.

Nays—16.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Beall.	Neal.
Colquitt.	Rogers.
Greer.	Stafford.
Harrison.	Stone.
Kerr.	Tillett.
Lewis.	Woods.
Linn of Victoria.	Yett.

Absent.

Dibrell.

Excused.

Boren. Bowser.

The report was then adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Atlee.	Presler.
Beall.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Stafford.
Goss.	Stone.
Greer.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Tillett.
Lewis.	Turney.
Linn of Victoria.	Wayland.
Morriss.	Woods.
Neal.	Yett.

Nays—3.

Bailey.	Yantis.
Harrison.	

Absent.

Darwin.	Gough.
Dibrell.	Linn of Wharton.

Excused.

Boren. Bowser.

Senator Bailey entered a motion to reconsider.

Senator Beall called up the motion to reconsider, and moved to table the same.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—17.

Atlee.	Neal.
Beall.	Presler.
Burns.	Stone.
Colquitt.	Terrell.
Greer.	Tillett.
Kerr.	Turney.
Lewis.	Woods.
Linn of Victoria.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Nays—8.

Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Goss.	Rogers.
Gough.	Ross.
Harrison.	Yantis.

Absent.

Darwin.	Stafford.
Dibrell.	Wayland.

Excused.

Boren.	Bowser.
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I vote "no" on the passage of substitute House bill No. 203, the appropriation bill, for the reason that there are items in the bill appropriating money in violation of the Constitution and laws of the State. **DARWIN.**

I vote "no" on the motion to table the motion to reconsider, for the reason that the bill reported by the committee carries with it an appropriation that, to my mind, is clearly unconstitutional. Section 5, article 7, defines what constitutes the permanent and what constitutes the available school fund, and then says that "the available school fund shall be applied annually to the support of the public free schools; and no law shall be enacted appropriating any part of the permanent or available school fund to any other purpose whatever." Notwithstanding this provision in the Constitution, this bill appropriates \$27,400 from the available school fund to defray the expenses of the School Land Department of the General Land Office. If this fund can be used for this purpose, then it can be used for paying the expenses of any department of the State government. I believe that appropriation to be a positive violation of the letter and spirit of the Constitution, and I therefore vote "no." I would not object to the appropriation if it was made from the general revenue instead of the available school fund. **GOUGH.**

HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following House message was received:

Hall House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, May 11, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage of the following bills:

House bill No. 425, entitled "An act to amend chapter 2, title 10, article 252, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, in regard to wages

or compensation for personal services."

Substitute House bill Nos. 247, 350 and 384, entitled "An act to amend articles 3936 and 3937, chapter 9, of title 86, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to education, so as to regulate the custody and expenditure of school funds, and make provisions for reports of treasurers of school funds, and prescribing penalties for neglect of certain officers."

Substitute House bill No. 207, entitled "An act to amend article 5049, of chapter 1, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to occupation taxes."

House bill No. 686, entitled "An act to amend the law in regard to taxation and to regulate the sale of liquor by amending articles 5060a and 5060c, of title 104, chapter 1a, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, adding article 5060j to said chapter, requiring every person, firm or corporation or association of persons selling vinous, malt or intoxicating liquors or medicated bitters in a local option county, precinct or subdivision of a county, to give bond and to pay a license therefor."

House bill No. 306, entitled "An act to amend articles 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2518a, 2518d, 2518f, 2518h and 2518n, of title 48, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and repeal article 2518c of said title 48 said Revised Civil Statutes, and to add articles 2517a, 2517b, 2518q, 2518r, to said title 48 of said Revised Civil Statutes, relating to fish, oysters, etc., and repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

Passed by a two-thirds vote: yeas 93, nays 2.

House bill No. 543, entitled "An act to authorize the Galveston, La Porte and Houston Railway Company to acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise, all rights, privileges, franchises and property of the Galveston & Western Railway Company, and to operate, maintain and use the same."

House bill No. 713, entitled "An act to appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the per diem of members, officers and employees of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas."

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE, Chief Clerk.

IN SENATE.

The above reported House bills were read first time and referred as follows:

House bill No. 425, to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Substitute House bills Nos. 247, 350 and 384, to the Committee on Education.

Substitute House bill No. 207, to the Committee on Finance.

House bill No. 543, to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

House bill No. 713, to the Committee on Finance.

House bill No. 306, to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

House bill No. 686, to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 673, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize the Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company to purchase and operate the railway extending from a point in or near the town of Bremond, in Robertson county, to a point in or near the town of Ross, in McLennan county, with its franchises and appurtenances, and the railway extending from a point in or near said town of Ross to a point in or near the town of Albany, in Shackelford county, with its franchises and appurtenances, or either of such railways, with its franchises and appurtenances, or any part or parts thereof, and to authorize the owners thereof to sell the same, and to authorize a corresponding increase in the authorized aggregate of the bonds and stock of said Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company, and to regulate reports of such properties and the operations thereof,"

With favorable majority and adverse minority reports, action being on Senator Presler's motion to substitute the minority for the majority report.

(Senator Turney in the chair.)

Senator Burns moved to table the motion to substitute (Presler's).

Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Beall.	Neal.
Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Stafford.
Goss.	Tillett.
Greer.	Woods.
Harrison.	Yett.
Kerr.	

Nays—10.

Darwin.	Presler.
Gough.	Rogers.
Lewis.	Terrell.
Linn of Wharton.	Turney.
Morriss.	Yantis.

Absent.

Bailey.

Excused.

Boren.

Yeas.	Paired.	Nays.
Dibrell.	Stone.	
Wayland.	Bowser.	

Senator Burns then moved to adopt the majority (favorable) report.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Beall.	Neal.
Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Stafford.
Goss.	Tillett.
Greer.	Woods.
Harrison.	Yett.
Kerr.	

Nays—9.

Darwin.	Presler.
Gough.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Turney.
Linn of Wharton.	Yantis.
Morriss.	

Absent.

Bailey.

Rogers.

Excused.

Boren.

Yea.	Paired.	Nay.
Dibrell.	Stone.	
Wayland.	Bowser.	

By Senator Yantis:

Amend by striking out the words "Waco and Northwestern Railway" where it occurs in the bill.

Senator Burns moved to table the amendment.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—20.

Atlee.	Neal.
Bailey.	Ross.
Beall.	Stafford.
Burns.	Stone.
Colquitt.	Terrell.
Goss.	Tillett.
Greer.	Turney.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.
Linn of Victoria.	Yett.

Nays—8.

Darwin.	Morriss.
Gough.	Presler.
Lewis.	Rogers.
Linn of Wharton.	Yantis.

Dibrell. **Absent.**

Excused.

Boren. **Bowser.**

(Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.)

By Senator Yantis:

Amend by striking out the words "Texas Central Railway" wherever they occur in the bill.

Senator Burns moved to table the amendment, and on that moved the previous question.

Senator Presler gave notice of an amendment he was preparing and wished to offer.

Senator Burns assented to include the amendment (Presler's) in that on which his (Burns') motion for the previous question was made.

The motion for the previous question was duly seconded, and prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Bailey.	Neal.
Beall.	Ross.
Burns.	Stafford.
Colquitt.	Terrell.
Goss.	Tillett.
Greer.	Turney.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.

Nays—9.

Darwin.	Presler.
Gough.	Rogers.
Lewis.	Stone.
Linn of Wharton.	Yantis.
Morriss.	

Absent.

Dibrell. **Yett.**

Excused.

Bowser. **Boren.**

The amendment (Yantis') was then tabled.

By Senator Presler:

Amend section 5 by adding thereto the following, "and provided, that in the event of the purchase and consolidation of the Texas Central Railroad with the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, that the latter company shall, within two years from the date of such consolidation, construct a branch line of its railway to the Thurber mines, through the town of Stephenville, and to an intersection with the Texas and Pacific Railway, and shall also extend, within four years from the date of such consolidation, its line of railway from the town

of Albany to an intersection with the Fort Worth and Denver Railway."

Pending action,

Senator Linn of Wharton moved to adjourn to 3 p. m.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—9.

Darwin.	Rogers.
Gough.	Stone.
Lewis.	Tillett.
Linn of Wharton.	Yantis.
Presler.	

Nays—18.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Beall.	Neal.
Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Stafford.
Goss.	Terrell.
Greer.	Turney.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.
Linn of Victoria.	Yett.

Absent.

Bailey. **Dibrell.**

Excused.

Boren. **Bowser.**

Pending action on Senator Presler's amendment,

Senator Presler moved a call of the Senate, which was duly seconded and ordered, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Neal.
Bailey.	Presler.
Beall.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Stafford.
Darwin.	Stone.
Goss.	Terrell.
Gough.	Tillett.
Greer.	Turney.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.
Lewis.	Yantis.
Linn of Victoria.	Yett.
Linn of Wharton.	

Absent.

Dibrell. **Morriss.**

Excused.

Boren. **Bowser.**

Senator Colquitt made the point of order that the call was not in order, for the reason that the Senate was operating under the previous question, which was already partly executed.

Senator Presler made the point that the objection of Senator Colquitt came too late.

Not sustained.

Senator Colquitt's point of order was sustained.

Senator Yantis moved to adjourn to 3 p. m.

Senator Atlee made the point of order that no intervening business had occurred since the Senate refused to adjourn.

Sustained.

The vote being taken on Senator Presler's amendment, the same was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Bailey.	Presler.
Darwin.	Rogers.
Goss.	Terrell.
Gough.	Tillett.
Greer.	Yantis.
Linn of Wharton.	

Nays—17.

Atlee.	Neal.
Beall.	Ross.
Burns.	Stafford.
Colquitt.	Stone.
Harrison.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Woods.
Linn of Victoria.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Absent.

Dibrell.

Excused.

Boren. Bowser.

Senator Yantis moved to adjourn to 3 p. m.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Darwin.	Rogers.
Gough.	Stone.
Lewis.	Terrell.
Linn of Wharton.	Tillett.
Morriss.	Yantis.
Presler.	

Nays—16.

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Bailey.	Neal.
Beall.	Ross.
Burns.	Stafford.
Colquitt.	Turney.
Greer.	Wayland.
Harrison.	Woods.
Kerr.	Yett.

Absent.

Dibrell. Goss.

Excused.

Boren. Bowser.

The bill was then passed to third reading by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Atlee.	Burns.
Bailey.	Colquitt.
Beall.	Goss.

Greer.	Ross.
Harrison.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Woods.
Linn of Victoria.	Yett.
Neal.	

Nays—11.

Darwin.	Rogers.
Gough.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Tillett.
Linn of Wharton.	Turney.
Morriss.	Yantis.
Presler.	

Excused.

Boren.

Yea. Paired. Nay.

Dibrell.	Bowser.
Wayland.	Stone.

I vote "no" on this bill, House bill No. 673, believing that I am prohibited by article 10, section 5, of the Constitution, which declares that no competing or parallel lines shall be owned or operated by the same company, while the Constitution prohibits such, the enactment of the Railroad Commission law practically does away with competition in railroad traffic; yet I do not believe it good policy for the State to allow consolidation of roads until it is clearly demonstrated beyond a question of doubt that the Railroad Commission is able to control and regulate charges to the satisfaction of the people, and has become a permanent fixture. DARWIN.

By consent, the following bills were introduced:

By Senator Stafford:

Senate bill No. 381, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1537, chapter 2, title 32, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, adopted and established by the Twenty-fourth Legislature in regular session, 1895, relating to the powers and duties of commissioners courts authorized to audit, adjust and settle claims."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Goss:

Senate bill No. 382, a bill to be entitled "An act to correct a clerical error in 'An act entitled an act making appropriation for the State government for the years beginning March 1, 1897, and ending February 28, 1899, and for other purposes,' passed at the present session of the Legislature."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

The Chair gave notice of signing, and did sign in the presence of the Senate after their captions had been read

House bill No. 698, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 22 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, so as to change the time of holding the terms of the district courts of Gregg and Upshur counties, and to extend the time of holding court in Gregg county, Texas."

House bill No. 391, a bill to be entitled "An act to relinquish the title and confirm the patents to certain lands therein named."

House bill No. 157, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2977 of chapter 4, title 55, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas relating to divorce, so as to permit the wife to obtain a divorce where the husband shall have left her for one year with intention of abandonment, or for non-support, on the part of the husband, as well as for the continued drunkenness of either the husband or wife, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

House bill No. 79, a bill to be entitled "An act to prevent immoral publications, and to prevent the sale, giving away or distribution of such publications, making a violation thereof a felony, prescribing a penalty therefor and declaring an emergency."

House bill No. 601, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the disorganization of the county of Loving, in the State of Texas, and to attach said county to the county of Reeves for judicial and other purposes, and to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes in said county for the payment of outstanding indebtedness of said county."

And

Substitute House bill No. 413, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3384, title LXIX, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to local option,"

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following committee reports were made:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 491, a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Castroville, approved January 16, 1850."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the

same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 580, entitled "An act to prescribe the time of holding the terms of the district court in the Twenty-fourth Judicial District."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

STAFFORD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 381, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1537, chapter 2, title 32, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, adopted and established by the Twenty-fourth Legislature in regular session, 1895, relating to the powers and duties of commissioners courts authorized to audit, adjust and settle claims."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, and that it be not printed.

STAFFORD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 686, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend the law in regard to taxation, and to regulate the sale of liquor by amending article 5060c of title 104, chapter 1a, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and adding article 5060j to said chapter, requiring every person, firm, corporation or association of persons selling vinous, malt, or intoxicating liquors or medicated bitters in a local option county, precinct, or subdivision of a county to give bond and to pay a license therefor."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

STAFFORD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.**Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred**

House bill No. 713, a bill to be entitled 'An act to appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the per diem of members, officers and employees of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas.'

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

STONE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate.**Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred**

Substitute House bills Nos. 247, 350 and 384, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 3936 and 3937, chapter 9, title 86, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to public education, so as to regulate the custody and expenditure of school funds, and make provisions for reports of treasurers of school funds, and prescribing penalties for the neglect of certain officers."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

PRESLER, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Lewis, the Senate adjourned to 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.**Senate met pursuant to adjournment.**

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Lewis.
Bailey.	Linn of Victoria.
Beall.	Linn of Wharton.
Burns.	Morriss.
Colquitt.	Neal.
Darwin.	Presler.
Goss.	Rogers.
Gough.	Ross.
Greer.	Stafford.
Harrison.	Stone.
Kerr.	Terrell.

Tillett.
Turney.
Wayland.

Woods.
Yantis.
Yett.

Excused.

Boren.
Bowser.

Dibrell.

On motion of Senator Stafford, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up, on its second reading,

Senate bill No. 381, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1537, chapter 2, title 32, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, adopted and established by the Twenty-fourth Legislature in regular session, 1895, relating to the powers and duties of commissioners courts authorized to audit, adjust and settle claims."

On motion of Senator Stafford, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put upon its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas—20.

Atlee.	Presler.
Bailey.	Rogers.
Beall.	Stafford.
Burns.	Stone.
Goss.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Tillett.
Linn of Victoria.	Turney.
Linn of Wharton.	Wayland.
Morriss.	Woods.
Neal.	Yantis.

Nays—2.

Colquitt. Greer.

Absent.

Darwin.	Kerr.
Gough.	Ross.
Harrison.	Yett.

Excused.

Boren.
Bowser.

Dibrell.

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Stafford, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Bailey.	Linn of Victoria.
Beall.	Linn of Wharton.
Burns.	Morriss.
Darwin.	Neal.
Goss.	Presler.
Greer.	Rogers.
Harrison.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Stone.

Terrell.	Wayland.
Tillett.	Woods.
Turney.	Yantis.

Nays—1.

Ross.

Absent.

Colquitt.

Yett.

Gough.

Excused.

Boren.

Dibrell.

Bowser.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Presler.
Beall.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Goss.	Stone.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Tillett.
Linn of Victoria.	Turney.
Linn of Wharton.	Wayland.
Morris.	Woods.
Neal.	Yantis.

Nays—1.

Greer.

Absent.

Atlee.

Harrison.

Colquitt.

Yett.

Gough.

Excused.

Boren.

Dibrell.

Bowser.

Senator Stafford moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 40, a bill to be entitled "An act to more fully provide for the safekeeping of the public moneys and funds of the counties, cities and towns of this State, and the funds and moneys in the hands or control of receivers or other court officers, and to prohibit the use of such moneys and funds by any such officers charged with the receiving, collecting or custody thereof, except as allowed by law; and to prevent and prohibit the use of such moneys or funds by any bank or other depository, or commingling of same with other moneys or funds, or the receiving or accepting

the same except as such public funds, or the paying out of such funds except upon the written order of the proper officer, signed by him officially; and to prevent the transferring of such moneys or funds by any bank or other depository from its proper fund to any other whatsoever; and to provide adequate penalties for any violation of any of the provisions hereof."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

STAFFORD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bil. No. 603, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 5068, 5076, 5098 and 5130, title CIV, chapter 3, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

TILLET, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 382, a bill to be entitled "An act to correct a clerical error in an act entitled 'An act making appropriations for the State government for the years beginning March 1, 1897, and ending February 28, 1899, and for other purposes,' passed at the present session of the Legislature,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and that it be not printed.

STONE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 279, a bill to be entitled "An act declaring the theft of cotton over the value of \$20 a felony, and under the value of \$20 a misdemeanor, and fixing a penalty therefor."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the

same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

WOODS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

Substitute House bill No. 207, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 5049, chapter 1, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to occupation taxes,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

STONE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 150, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4218b, chapter 12a, title 87, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the sale of the public free school and asylum lands."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

GOSS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 90, a bill to be entitled "An act to appropriate and provide for the sale of a portion of vacant and unappropriated land of the State of Texas, and to provide for the sale of a portion of the land appropriated by an act of the Legislature entitled an act to provide for the sale of a portion of the unappropriated public lands of the State of Texas, and the investment of the proceeds of such sale, approved July 14, 1879."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

GOSS, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills

have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 381, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1537, chapter 2, title 32, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, adopted and established by the Twenty-fourth Legislature in regular session, 1895, relating to the powers and duties of commissioners courts authorized to audit, adjust and settle claims,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 380, a bill to be entitled "An act granting permission to J. W. Benson and B. F. Gholson, or their assigns, to bring suit against the State of Texas, in the district court of Lampasas county, to ascertain the amount, if any, the State is indebted to them for services rendered,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

House bill No. 543, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize the Galveston, La Porte and Houston Railway Company to acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise all the rights, privileges, franchises and property of the Galveston and Western Railway Company, and to operate, maintain and use the same,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed by a majority to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

COLQUITT, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

We, a minority of your Committee on Internal Improvements, beg to dissent from the majority report on

House bill No. 543, and in its stead beg to recommend that the bill pass with the following amendment:

"Provided, that this act shall not take effect except upon condition that the statute of limitation shall only begin to run from the date of the consolidation of said two railway companies under this act against causes of action for damages to property by reason of the operation of cars, engines and trains hereafter on the track or tracks now owned by the Galveston and Western Railway Company in the city of Galveston, and upon the further condition that no causes of action for any such damages shall be barred by any lapse of time heretofore; and before this act shall take effect each of said companies shall execute and file for record with the clerk of the county court of Galveston county an instrument waiving the statute of limitation as to such damages and agreeing that in any suit brought for such damages within two years from said date of consolidation neither of said companies will plead the statute of limitation, but will waive the same.

YANTIS,
WAYLAND.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE.

Executive Office, State of Texas,
Austin, May 12, 1897.

To the Senate:

The advice and consent of the Senate is respectfully asked to the appointment of W. R. Smith, of Mitchell county, as judge of the Thirty-second Judicial District, vice William Kennedy, deceased.

C. A. CULBERSON.

On motion of Senator Terrell, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on its third reading,

House bill No. 264, a bill to be entitled "An act to prevent the barter, sale and gift of any pistol, dirk, dagger, slungshot, sword-cane, spear, or knuckles made of any metal or hard substance, etc., to any minor without the written consent of the parent or guardian of such minor, or some one standing in lieu thereof, and providing a penalty therefor for the violation."

Bill read third time.

By Senator Ross:

Amend by adding after the word "minors," line 13, page 1, the words "under the age of 17."

Lost.

Bill passed.

On motion of Senator Turney, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up on its second reading,

House bill No. 710, entitled "An act to amend articles 5243i, 5243j and 5243k, of an act entitled an act to amend articles 5243e, 5243i, 5243j and 5243k, of chapter 9, title 104, of the Revised Civil Statutes, relating to the taxation of insurance, telephone, sleeping and dining cars and other corporations, and to provide for forfeiting the charters of domestic corporations and permits of foreign corporations to do business in this State for failure to pay the franchise tax levied by this act, and to define and prescribe the notice to be given to said corporations previous to such forfeiture, and to provide adequate penalties for a violation of this act," passed at the present session and approved April 30, 1897."

The bill was read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Turney, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Bailey.	Neal.
Beall.	Presler.
Burns.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Ross.
Darwin.	Stone.
Gough.	Terrell.
Greer.	Tillett.
Kerr.	Turney.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Linn of Victoria.	Woods.
Linn of Wharton.	Yett.

Nays—none.

Absent.

Goss.	Stafford.
Harrison.	Yantis.

Excused.

Boren.	Dibrell.
Bowser.	

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Bailey.	Linn of Victoria.
Beall.	Linn of Wharton.
Burns.	Morriss.
Colquitt.	Neal.
Darwin.	Presler.
Gough.	Rogers.
Greer.	Ross.
Harrison.	Stone.
Kerr.	Terrell.

Tillett.
Turney.
Wayland.

Woods.
Yantis.
Yett.

Nays—none.

Absent.

Goss.

Stafford.

Excused.

Boren.

Dibrell.

Bowser.

Senator Greer called up the free conference committee report on Senate bill No. 83 (fee bill—see Journal of May 10), and moved the adoption of same.

Senator Bailey moved that consideration of that report be postponed till to-morrow after call.

Postponed by the following vote:

Yeas—17.

Atlee.	Linn of Wharton.
Bailey.	Morriss.
Burns.	Presler.
Darwin.	Rogers.
Goss.	Ross.
Gough.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Yantis.
Lewis.	Yett.
Linn of Victoria.	

Nays—8.

Beall.	Terrell.
Colquitt.	Turney.
Greer.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.

Absent.

Neal.

Stone.

Stafford.

Excused.

Boren.

Dibrell.

Bowser.

On motion of Senator Atlee, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up, on its second reading,

House bill No. 651, a bill to be entitled "An act to prohibit the catching of fish, green turtle, loggerheads, terrapins or shrimps, with seines, drag nets, fykes, set nets, gill nets, trammel nets, traps, dams, or weirs in any of the bays or navigable waters of this State within the limits or within one mile of the limits of certain cities and towns, and to provide a penalty therefor."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Atlee:

Amend by striking out all after the word "of," at the end of line 23, page 1, down to and inclusive of the word "Pass," in line 25, and insert therefor "any city or town in this State," and

amend the caption by striking out the word "certain," in line 17.

Adopted.

Bill as amended passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Atlee, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—20.

Atlee.	Linn of Wharton.
Bailey.	Morriss.
Beall.	Presler.
Burns.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Ross.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Goss.	Terrell.
Gough.	Tillett.
Greer.	Turney.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.
Lewis.	Yantis.
Linn of Victoria.	Yett.

Nays—none.

Absent.

Neal.

Stone.

Excused.

Boren.

Dibrell.

Bowser.

Bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Linn of Victoria, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up, on second reading,

House bill No. 580, a bill to be entitled "An act to prescribe the time of holding the terms of the district court in the Twenty-fourth Judicial District."

Bill read second time, and passed to third reading.

In order to maintain a quorum, Senator Terrell moved a call of the Senate, which was ordered, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Morriss.
Beall.	Neal.
Burns.	Presler.
Colquitt.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Stone.
Goss.	Terrell.
Gough.	Tillett.
Greer.	Turney.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.
Linn of Victoria.	Yett.
Linn of Wharton.	

Absent.

Bailey.

Stafford.

Lewis.

Yantis.

Ross.

Excused.

Boren. Dibrell.
Bowser.

A quorum appearing,

On motion of Senator Linn of Victoria, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee.	Neal.
Beall.	Presler.
Burns.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Ross.
Darwin.	Stone.
Goss.	Terrell.
Gough.	Tillett.
Greer.	Turney.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.
Linn of Victoria.	Yantis.
Linn of Wharton.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Nays—none.**Absent.**

Bailey. Stafford.
Lewis.

Excused.

Boren. Dibrell.
Bowser.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas 24.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Beall.	Neal.
Burns.	Presler.
Colquitt.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Ross.
Goss.	Stone.
Gough.	Terrell.
Greer.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Linn of Victoria.	Woods.
Linn of Wharton.	Yett.

Nays—none.**Absent.**

Bailey. Stafford.
Lewis. Yantis.

Excused.

Boren. Dibrell.
Bowser.

On motion of Senator Morriss, the regular order of business was suspended to take up

Senate bill No. 278, a bill to be entitled "An act to establish an additional State normal school."

Senator Colquitt moved to recon-

sider the vote by which the bill was taken up.

Senator Morriss moved to table the motion to reconsider.

Senator Beall moved a call of the Senate on the motion to table, which was duly seconded, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Morriss.
Beall.	Neal.
Burns.	Presler.
Colquitt.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Stone.
Goss.	Terrell.
Gough.	Tillett.
Greer.	Turney.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.
Linn of Victoria.	Yett.
Linn of Wharton.	

Absent.

Bailey. Stafford.
Lewis. Yantis.
Ross.

Excused.

Boren. Dibrell.
Bowser.

Pending a motion to excuse the absentees,

Senator Beall made the point of order that as Tuesdays and Wednesdays of each week were by concurrent resolution fixed for the consideration of House bills, and to-day being Wednesday, the regular order could not be suspended to take up a Senate bill when objection was made.

Sustained, and the pending bill went to the table.

Senator Beall entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which

Senate bill No. 331, entitled "An act to amend article 4550, chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, relating to railroads,"

Was passed on yesterday, and had the same spread on the Journal.

On motion of Senator Goss, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on third reading,

House bill No. 263, a bill to be entitled "An act to prohibit persons engaged in running pool or billiard tables in a public place, or for profit, permitting minors in or about their places of business without the written consent of their parents or guardians, and to provide a penalty therefor."

Bill read third time and passed.

By consent, the following was offered:

By Senator Presler:

Senate joint resolution No. 20, grant-

ing leave of absence from the State of Texas for sixty days to the Hon. W. M. Allison, judge of the Thirty-third judicial district of Texas.

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

Senator Burns called up Senator Colquitt's motion to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 25 (bill granting Harris county an additional court, see Journal of March 10), was passed, and moved to table same.

Tabled.

(Senator Terrell in the chair.)

On motion of Senator Beall, the regular order of business was suspended to take up on its second reading.

House bill No. 629, a bill to be entitled "An act to prevent the selling or trading of animals of the horse or mule species affected with a discharge from the nose."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Kerr:

Amend caption, line 7, by striking out the words "a discharge from the nose," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "symptoms of glanders."

By Senator Greer:

Substitute the amendment as follows: Strike out all after the word "species" and before the word "be," and insert the following, "known or suspected to be affected with glanders."

Adopted.

Amendment as substituted adopted.

By Senator Kerr.

Amend line 20 by striking out the words "twenty-five" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "five," and strike out the words "two hundred" and insert in lieu thereof "one hundred."

Adopted.

By Senator Beall:

Amend caption by striking out the words "affected with a discharge from the nose," and insert in lieu thereof the words "known or suspected to be affected with glanders."

Adopted.

Bill as amended passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Beall, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—19.

Atlee.	Colquitt.
Beall.	Darwin.
Burns.	Goss.

Gough.	Rogers.
Greer.	Ross.
Harrison.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Tillett.
Linn of Wharton.	Turney.
Morriss.	Wayland.
Neal.	Woods.
Presler.	

Nays—2.

Linn of Victoria. Yett.

Absent.

Bailey.	Stone.
Lewis.	Yantis.
Stafford.	

Excused.

Boren.	Dibrell.
Bowser.	

Bill read third time and passed.

By consent, Senator Presler offered the following:

Senate concurrent resolution No. —, Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that whereas it is useless at this late day of the session to consume further time by considering and passing bills in one house which can not for the want of time be considered in the other; that hereafter each legislative body consider and act on only bills and resolutions passed by the other on four days of each week, viz., on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Resolution read, and

Senator Presler moved to suspend the regular order to consider same.

Senator Beall made the point of order that as it sought to change the rules, under the rules it must go over till to-morrow.

Sustained.

On motion of Senator Colquitt, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on its second reading.

House bill No. 704, a bill to be entitled "An act to place Comal county in the Twenty-second judicial district, and to fix the time for holding court in the counties of said district."

Bill read second time, and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Colquitt, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill was put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee.	Colquitt.
Beall.	Darwin.
Burns.	Goss.

Greer.	Terrell.
Harrison.	Tillett.
Kerr.	Turney.
Linn of Victoria.	Wayland.
Linn of Wharton.	Woods.
Morriss.	Yantis.
Neal.	Yett.
Ross.	

Nays—none.

Absent.

Bailey.	Rogers.
Gough.	Stafford.
Lewis.	Stone.
Presler.	

Excused.

Boren.	Dibrell.
Bowser.	

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Beall.	Neal.
Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Stone.
Darwin.	Terrell.
Goss.	Tillett.
Greer.	Turney.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.
Linn of Victoria.	Yantis.
Linn of Wharton.	Yett.

Nays—none.

Absent.

Bailey.	Presler.
Gough.	Rogers.
Lewis.	Stafford.

Excused.

Boren.	Dibrell.
Bowser.	

By Senator Kerr:

Resolved, that the Sergeant-at-Arms be required to prepare an itemized statement of the postage stamps and newspaper wrappers and postal cards furnished to each Senator, with the orders of Senators therefor, during present session of the Senate, and report the same to the Committee on Contingent Expenses during the present week.

Adopted.

The following report was sent up:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

Senate joint resolution No. 20, granting leave of absence from the State of

Texas for sixty days to the Hon. W. M. Allison, judge of the Thirty-third judicial district of Texas.

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

GOSS, Acting Chairman.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following House message was received:

Hall House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, May 12, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House herewith returns Senate bill No. 331, as requested.

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE, Chief Clerk.

On motion of Senator Colquitt, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. to-morrow.

NINETY-FIFTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Tex., Thursday, May 13.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Morriss.
Bailey.	Neal.
Beall.	Presler.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Goss.	Stone.
Gough.	Terrell.
Greer.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Woods.
Linn of Victoria.	Yantis.
Linn of Wharton.	Yett.

Absent.

Colquitt. Dibrell.

Excused.

Boren.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. F. S. Jackson, as follows:

Almighty God: We pray Thee to bless these faithful men who have been called by the vote of the citizens of this State to this honorable and re-